

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for courtesies extended during the Examiner Interview of July 29, 2005.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11, and 13-28 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11, and 13-26 have been canceled by this reply. Claims 27 and 28 are independent. Newly added dependent claims 29-41 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claims 27 and 28.

Claim Amendments

Independent claims 27 and 28 have been amended to recite a sequential process of processing a request from a web application, where a portion of the request is processed and a first partial result is produced by an interior node handler object, and that first partial result is used as input to a second interior node handler object, which subsequently uses the first partial result to obtain the result or a second partial result. Support for these amendments may be found, for example, on page 16 of the Specification.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11, and 13-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,233,622 (“Atsatt”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,757,900 (“Burd”). Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11, and 13-26 have been canceled by this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot with respect to the canceled claims. To the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the Examiner Interview of July 29, 2005, the claims, as amended, focus on a sequential process of responding to a web application request, where a handler object in charge of responding to the request invokes several interior node handle objects, and each interior node handler object processes a portion of the request to produce a partial result, where the partial result is used as input into another interior node handler object, and used to produce another partial result. This process continues until the entire result is achieved.

With respect to the rejection of the claims, the Examiner admits that Atsatt fails to disclose or suggest sequentially invoking a first interior node handler object, wherein the first interior node handler object processes a portion of the request to obtain a partial result. However, the Examiner relies on Burd to provide this limitation. In contrast to the claimed invention, as discussed with the Examiner during the Examiner Interview, Burd discloses "one or more sever-side control objects map to one or more user interface elements" (*See* Burd, col. 6, ll. 35-37). Thus, Burd discloses sever-side control objects that each produce some result, and that result directly maps to a UI on the web page that can be viewed or displayed. Burd fails to disclose that each sever-side control object feeds a partial result output into another server-side control object, such that a sequential process of using one output as another input to produce an entire result is performed. Rather, in Burd, each sever-side control object works on its own to produce a result that is then displayed on a web page directly, as discussed with the Examiner during the Examiner Interview.

In view of the above, it is clear that Atsatt and Burd, whether considered separately or in combination, fail to render amended independent claims 27 and 28 as obvious. Dependent claims 29-41 are allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

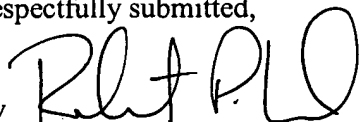
Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 16159.142001).

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Respectfully submitted,

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